

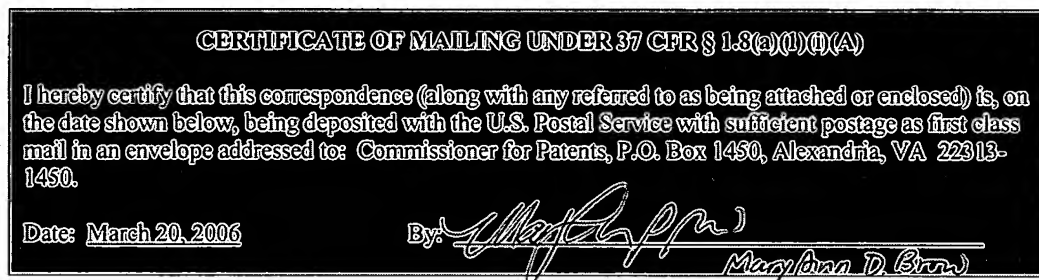


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **James E. Dahlberg, et al.**
Serial No.: **10/740,256** Group No.: **1632**
Filed: **12/18/2003** Examiner: **Christopher M. Babic**
Entitled: **Detection of Small Nucleic Acids**

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 19, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2005, with response due on or before March 20, 2006, the first business day after Sunday, March 19, 2006. Also submitted with this communication is a copy of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 being filed herewith (at TAB 1). Clean copies of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement are included herewith (at TAB 2). Applicants request that all of these references be made of record in the present application.

In accordance with the procedure for Revised Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.